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AGREEMENT WITH EC

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1. THE MISSION HAS LEARNED THAT LAST WEEK AUSTRALIA
PROPOSED NEGOTIATIONS OF A NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT
WITH THE COMMUNITY. THE DIPLOMATIC NOTE FORWARDING THE
TEXT OF A MODEL AGREEMENT WHICH WAS SENT TO THE EC
COMMISSION AND TO EACH MEMBER GOVERNMENT PROPOSES CON-
CLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH EURATOM AND BILATERAL
AGREEMENTS WITH THE NINE MEMBER STATES. AN AUSTRALIAN
MISSION OFFICER STATES THAT EC COMMISSIONER BRUNNER HAS
PROMISED TO GIVE A PRELIMINARY COMMISSION REACTION TO
THE AUSTRALIAN PROPOSAL ON NOVEMBER 18.

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2. THE PROPOSED AUSTRALIAN MODEL AGREEMENT STIPULATES
THAT AMONG THE CONDITIONS FOR SUPPLY OF AUSTRALIAN
URANIUM EACH PARTY TO AN AGREEMENT MUST OBTAIN GOA
AGREEMENT FOR: (A) RE-EXPORT OF AUSTRALIAN-ORIGIN
NUCLEAR MATERIAL FROM ITS JURISDICTION; (B) REPROCESS-
ING; (C) ENRICHMENT BEYOND 20 PERCENT OF AUSTRALIAN

URANIUM. THE DANES FEEL CONDITION "A" WILL CAUSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN THE COMMUNITY SINCE IT IS INTENDED TO APPLY TO EACH COUNTRY AS WELL AS TO EURATOM.

3. THE AUSTRALIAN MISSION OFFICER EXPECTS THAT THE EC WILL PROBABLY TAKE AN INITIAL TOUGH POSITION ON THE AUSTRALIAN INITIATIVE. MANY OF THE TERMS IN THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE BEING REQUESTED BY THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT IN ITS CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS AND TO THOSE WHICH THE GOA EXPECTS WILL BE REQUESTED BY THE USG. THE AUSTRALIANS EXPECT THAT THE EC WILL WISH TO CONCLUDE ITS AGREEMENTS WITH CANADA AND THE US BEFORE COMMITTING ITSELF ON THE CONDITIONS IN THE AUSTRALIAN AGREEMENT. BOTH SIDES RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS NO URGENCY TO THE AUSTRALIAN AGREEMENT SINCE, UNDER THE MOST FAVORABLE ASSUMPTION, LARGE SCALE URANIUM DELIVERIES FROM AUSTRALIA COULD NOT BEGIN BEFORE 1982 ACCORDING TO THE AUSTRALIAN OFFICER. MORRIS

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